VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

LASONE K. CANNON, L.P.N.

License No.: 0002-088260

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on November 19, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Lasone Cannon, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Wendy Deaner, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Cannon was present and was represented by Romeo Lumaban, Esquire. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Lasone K. Cannon, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-088260 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on December 7, 2012. Said license is set to expire on November 30, 2016. Ms. Cannon's primary state of residence is Virginia.
- 2. On October 15, 2014, during the course of her employment with Bon Secours Gynecologic Oncology Specialists, Newport News, Virginia, Ms. Cannon entered a prescription for Percocet (oxycodone-acetaminophen, C-II) in her own electronic medical record, using the name of a physician in the practice, who testified that she did not authorize the Percocet prescription. Further, Ms. Cannon signed the physician's signature on the printed prescription and presented it to the hospital pharmacy in an attempt to obtain 20 tablets of Percocet.

- 3. Ms. Cannon's employment with Bon Secours Gynecologic Oncology Specialists was terminated on October 28, 2014.
- 4. Ms. Cannon currently has one felony count of obtain prescription drugs by fraud and one count of felony assume the title of a physician to obtain drugs, pending in the Newport News, Virginia, Circuit Court. Ms. Cannon's cases are scheduled for trial on December 3, 2015.
- 5. At the formal hearing, Ms. Cannon's attorney stated that Ms. Cannon does not contest that she signed the prescription in Finding of Fact No 2.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a), (c) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

<u>ORDER</u>

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

- Lasone K. Cannon, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Ms. Cannon shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following three NCSBN continuing education courses within 60 days of the entry of this Order: *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice,* and *Nurse Practice Acts.* These courses shall not be credited toward the continued competency requirements for the next renewal of her license.
- 3. Ms. Cannon shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a licensed practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 et seq. of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.
- 4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation

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of the license of Ms. Cannon and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

FOR THE BOARD

Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC,

Executive Director Virginia Board of Nursing

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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